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Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
STIP Comments: Division of Program Development
3132 Channel Drive, Suite 200
Juneau, Alaska 99801-7898

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Pelican respectfully asks for reinstatement of funds for the M/V LeConte replacement ferry or recognition of funds for necessary AMHS vessel refurbishment in the Final FY2006-08 STIP.

We have been earnestly awaiting the Northern Panhandle Transportation Study to verify our needs with a vessel that matches the local conditions, economic as well as environmental.

The \$46 million replacement vessel for the M/V LeConte to service Angoon, Hoonah, Juneau, Kake, Pelican, Petersburg, Sitka, Tenakee and Gustavus, was included in the Alaska Department of Transportation's FY2004-06 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Amendment #8, finalized in January 2005. However, the M/V LeConte replacement ferry is eliminated from the Draft FY2006-08 STIP.

Please reinstate the STIP funding for a M/V LeConte replacement vessel or necessary funding for vessel refurbishment in the Final FY2006-08 STIP. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Patricia Phillips, Mayor